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PASS TO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS DIVISION

ON AUGUST 28, 1975, THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TOURISM ISSUED A MINISTERIAL RESOLUTION GIVING THE CHIMBOTE STEEL COMPLEX EXPANSION "THE HIGHEST PRIORITY" THIS GIVES SIDERPERU THE GREEN LIGHT TO ENTER INTO SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN COMPANIES FOR THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE PROJECT. FIRST STAGE EXPANSION IS TO 1.4 MILLION TONS (AT COST OF CLOSE TO \$1BILLION IN 1975 PRICES) WITH SECOND STAGE TO 2.35 MILLION TONS. HOWEVER, THE AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACTS FOR EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES (RATHER THAN TO PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF INTERNATIONAL TENDERS) AS DISCUSSED REFAIR HAS NOT YET BEEN GRANTED. WE EXPECT IT TO FOLLOW SHORTLY, ACCORDING TO SIDERPERU, NEW MINISTER OF INDUSTRY WANTS TO BE FULLY INFORMED BEFORE APPROVING THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH IS ON HIS DESK. AS SOON AS THIS SECOND RESLOUTION APPROVED SIDERPERU WILL DISTRIBUTE DOCUMENTS ON PROJECT. FYI SIDERPERU INFORMED COMMATT THAT GURRSHAL OF US STEEL ENGINEERS & CONSULTANTS ACCOMPAINED BY THREE ENGINEERS SCHEDULED ARRIVED LIMA SEPT. 21 FOR VISIT TO CHIMBOTE. SIDERPERU STILL HAS NOT RPT. NOT RECEIVED PROMISED DRAFT DOCUMENTS ON CONTRACT OR JOB SPECIFICATION WHICH GUTSHALL PROMISED TO SUPPLY DURING HIS LAST VISIT HERE. **DEAN**

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